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# F. William Engdahl

**Frederick William Engdahl** (born August 9, 1944) is an American writer based in <u>Germany</u>. He identifies himself as an "economic researcher, historian and freelance journalist." [1]

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# Early life and education

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States, Engdahl is the son of F. William Engdahl Sr., and Ruth Aalund (b. Rishoff). Engdahl grew up in <u>Texas</u> and earned a degree in engineering and <u>jurisprudence</u> from <u>Princeton University</u> in 1966 (BA) followed by graduate study in comparative economics at the <u>University</u> of <u>Stockholm</u> from 1969 to 1970. He then worked as an economist and freelance journalist in New York and in Europe. [2]

#### Career

Engdahl began writing about oil politics with the first oil shock in the early 1970s. He has also been a long-time associate of the LaRouche movement and served as an economics editor for LaRouche's Executive Intelligence Review. [3][4]

His first book, entitled *A Century of War: Anglo-American Oil Politics and the New World Order*, discusses the alleged roles of <u>Zbigniew Brzezinski</u> and <u>George Ball</u> and <u>of the USA</u> in the <u>1979</u> overthrow of the Shah of Iran, which was meant to manipulate oil prices and to stop Soviet expansion. Engdahl claims that Brzezinski and Ball used the Islamic Balkanization model proposed by Bernard

Lewis. In 2007, he completed *Seeds of Destruction: The Hidden Agenda of Genetic Manipulation*, in which he criticized Monsanto's strategy with GMO seeds, such as Roundup Ready soybeans. He has also written for newsmagazines such as the *Asia Times*.

Engdahl is a contributor to the Global Research website of the conspiracist Centre for Research on Globalization, the Russian website New Eastern Outlook, [5] and Veterans Today (on whose advisory board he sits). [6][7][8][9] He is a regular contributor to RT (formerly Russia Today) and Voice of Russia. [9][10][11] He is on the scientific committee of the journals Geopolitica, alongside Michel Chossudovsky and others, [12] and Eurasia, alongside Aleksandr Dugin and others. [13][9] He was a keynote speaker at the conference "Geopolitics of Multipolarity", held at Moscow State University in 2011, alongside Dugin. [14]

#### Personal life

William Engdahl has been married since 1987 and has been living for more than two decades near Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

#### **Beliefs**

#### Jewish conspiracies

Engdahl has written of the alleged secret power of Jewish financiers such as <u>George Soros</u> and the <u>Rothschilds</u>. Auhor Michael Wohlraich identifies Engdahl as the first US populariser of Soros conspiracy theories: In 1996, he wrote in the *Executive Intelligence Review* that "The most important of such 'Jews who are not Jews,' are the Rothschilds, who launched Soros's career.... Soros is American only in his passport," [15][16] which has been described by the anti-fascist group <u>Unicorn</u> Riot as "an example of the anti-Semitic "rootless cosmopolitan" trope. [4]

#### Abiogenic petroleum

Engdahl stated in 2007 that he had come to believe that <u>petroleum</u> is of geological origin, a view contrary to the scientific understanding that it is of biological origin. He believes oil to be produced from carbon, by forces of heat and pressure deep underground. Engdahl calls himself an "ex peak oil believer", stating that peak oil is actually a political phenomenon known as petrodollar warfare.

#### Skepticism of global warming

Engdahl argued that the problem of global warming is much exaggerated. He claims that global warming is merely a "scare" and a "thinly veiled attempt to misuse climate to argue for a new Malthusian reduction of living standards for the majority of the world while a tiny elite gains more power. Power.

#### **Greater Middle East Project theories**

According to Engdahl, the ultimate goal of the US is to take the resources of <u>Africa</u> and Middle East under military control to block economic growth in China and Russia. [20]

#### CIA role in global politics

<u>Al-Monitor</u> has described how in August 2016 Engdahl told a right-wing Russian think tank that "Former vice chairman of the National Intelligence Council of the <u>CIA</u>, <u>Graham E. Fuller</u>, was on <u>Princes' Islands</u>, 20 minutes from <u>Istanbul</u>, the entire night of the <u>coup</u>, monitoring developments until the coup collapsed" - when in fact Fuller was nowhere near. <u>Al-Monitor</u> describe Engdahl's intervention as part of a collaborative Russian-Turkish disinformation campaign, and call Engdahl a "pro-Russian conspiracy theorist". [21]

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- Video interviews with Engdahl (https://therealnews.com/bios/f-william-engdahl) on The Real News

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